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SPEED LIMIT

The general desire to do everything possible to cooperate with the Defense Program will give head on support to the proposal to lower the automobile speed limit in Virginia.

A bill is being introduced to cut the speed limit from 55 down to 35 miles per hour.

A reduction in the speed limit should, and will be made. The immediate object will be to conserve rubber tires and wear and tear on machines.

A companion result would be the good it would do the cause of safety.

However, we anticipate a compromise to 45 miles per hour due to the dislocation a 35 mile limit would cause to bus and necessary defense transportation schedules. Certainly, the General Assembly will take the attitude that many drivers just will not take it seriously that rubber and machines cannot be replaced during the war period. Speed has gotten to be such a habit that stern measures will be resorted to make many drivers do what they should have common sense enough to do.

ARE WE AROUSED

We have been wondering if our excellent citizens fully realize that we are up to our neck in an all-out war, and what the all-out effort will mean ere arms are stacked at some future Appomattox. Our own observation is that there has been an amazing rallying of patriotic spirit since the Pearl Harbor attack of December 7th, but there is still a long way to go. This sentiment has been checked against that of others who come in contact daily with the public, especially the rural public.

The "business as usual" philosophy, and the repeatedly expressed hopes of our President that entry into a shooting war might be averted, had saturated the public mind. The number of people who really believed that we would not have to fight, that we would not have to send our boys across the water, was more than most people realized. They hoped against hope that we could "muddle" through without shooting.

Much of that has changed since Pearl Harbor. But even now there are all too many who are not taking this all-out war seriously.

Both business and labor are at fault for the slowness in getting the essential war equipment rolling . . . and government too. Some elements in organized labor held out for the last possible penny in wage boosts, and many industrialists sought to pyramid defense orders on to and not in place of regular production. And the confusion in Washington kept all hands up in the air.

Now, all that must be, and is being changed. Absolutely nothing can stand in the war of our fighting effort.

In war "how did you fight and why" counts heavily.

The records made today by individual Americans will stand in history . . . individuals on the "home front" as well as across the seas.

WAR is a gigantic and terrible thing. It breaks up homes, breaks business and wrecks lives. It is a matter of life of death. In time of war, a nation does not ASK for loyalty . . . it is DEMANDED. Any citizen not giving wholehearted cooperation down to the minutest detail, will be dealt with with the awesome ferocity of an aroused people. It is not our lot NOW to question orders . . . ours but to obey orders.

Get busy, America, and may God help us.

In WAR a nation is foolish not to prepare for the worst while hoping for the best. A sudden turn of fortune and destiny may end the war this year. but we can't gamble, we must prepare ourselves for the worst NOW, and be ready to ride whatever storms may come.

Joe Louis inducted into the U. S. Army.

Local school pupils are setting a fine example by the patriotic enthusiasm with which they are buying war savings stamps and bonds.

Donald Nelson chosen to head entire U. S. Defense Production set up.

Trade in Appomattox.

Foresee U. S. Army of five million men in near future.

Next registration date is set for February 16.

All Men in London Must Help Out in Fire Watch

LONDON.—With "London Must Not Burn" as his slogan, Herbert Morrison, minister of home security, ordered all able-bodied men residing in London to register for compulsory fire-watch duties.

This call-up, which affects the majority of men between the ages of 18 to 60, is the consequence of an insufficient number of volunteers.

Hitherto, compulsory registration has applied only to people living and working in the city and Westminster, but it will now affect the whole of the London region, irrespective of requests of local authorities.

Speaking in parliament Morrison said:

"In every London area, including the outer suburbs, all male British subjects between 18 and 60 must register with the local authority. Certain classes of people already carrying out war duties will be exempt."

In the original regulations, giving the minister the necessary power, it outlines that he must be satisfied with the number of persons voluntarily enrolled.

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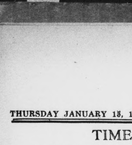

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Lights of New York

by L. L. STEVENSON

Lights of New York: As days grow shorter, Broadway blazes longer . . . The Main Stem now begins to glare before the stenogs put on their five o'clock lipstick . . . But even the biggest lights paled before the recent display of the aurora borealis . . . Broadway's lights may be swell, but there's many a homesick kid who would get a bigger kick out of seeing that one oil lamp burning in the window of a farm house . . . and Lyn Murray, that young sailt who gave up the high seas for the high C's, avers there's no more welcome light than that which emanates from a friendly lighthouse just outside your harbor . . . Londoners visiting New York aver you don't really begin to appreciate lights until you have been in a black-out . . . and some of our own doughboys who've had to drive through inky darkness in maneuvers are ready to agree . . . Actors hold that for sheer beauty you can't beat a spotlight.

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Seen With These Old Eyes: Simone Simon and her mother analking along Fifth avenue—Frenchies getting an eyeful of American styles . . . Emma Otero, Cuban soprano star, getting out of a car to talk with a mounted officer on the care of his horse during the winter . . . She was brought up on a ranch and has owned a horse since she was four . . . Frank Fay and Jack Benny laughing about something while eating at Lindy's . . . Andre Kostelanetz ambling through Rockefeller Plaza and explaining the sights to a friend . . . The friend is Alec Templeton, blind pianist . . . Max Eyser, with Waldorf restaurant waitresses hovering around his table . . . and the usually reserved hostess bringing over a shaker of black pepper . . . He recently came back from Hollywood and likes to regale the girls with film capital fables.

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Addenda: McClelland Barclay and James Montgomery Flagg sketching pretties in the wind in Rockefeller Plaza . . . Wendell Willkie in the Casino Russe . . . an early diner . . . watching waiters set up tables around his corner-nook seat . . . Pola Negri catching stares while humming to herself on the Roosevelt dance floor — it's bad Emily Post . . . and Paul Hartman complaining about an east side swank spot, "It's not the food that bothers me but the high cost of leaving it!" Song writer Irving Caesar in the midst of a hot argument at Leone's going to the piano and with a few bars convincing dissenters that the song, "Amapola" is practically the same as "Green Eyes" . . . Kenneth Roberts, author of "Northwest Passage" and other thrillers, dining with Sinclair Lewis at the Bedford Inn and dropping the information that he is working on a story of Thomas Hooker, founder of Connecticut.

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Late Fall Signs: Chestnut vendors with their little stoves on carts standing at various corners . . . The switch to large brooms by the street cleaners . . . The disappearance of the colorful sidewalk cafes . . . Sweaters on dogs . . . Fur coats on the backs of pretty girls . . . and some not so pretty.

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This & That: The Andrews sisters, Patti, Maxene and La Verne, leave for Hollywood after the first of the year . . . Patrons of midtown dining-rooms have taken to tipping waitresses with defense stamps . . . Meyer Davis, who has played for every President since Harding, has been approached to edit a book of First Family song favorites . . . Sign on the Boston Post Road: "Neckers! Remember it's your neck that's traveling at break-neck speed" . . . Chinese vegetables grow bigger and better on Long Island than they do in their native land . . . Experts say it's the soil.

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On Guard: Bea Wain went apartment hunting recently with one idea in mind—a spare room that could be used for developing pictures. She found an ideal place in the Eighties and in the course of discussing certain renovations informed the building superintendent that one room would be used as a dark room. With that, the super informed her that she would have to supply additional references.

"Why should a dark room make any difference?" asked the surprised songstress.

"Got to be careful these days," was the explanation. "Spies, you know."

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End Piece: Teddy Powell reports that a colored bootblack who covers the Fifties late at night startles drunks. He wears a mustache, but only on one side of his face.

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

Farm Ministry Admits An Error in Spelling

LONDON. — The agriculture ministry made an error in announcing a plan to "improve a considerable area of land near Llanfairpwllgwyngilgeichwyrdrobwllandasiliogogogogoch, Wales.

The name should have been spelled "Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgergerychwyrndrobwllalanogyllisgogogoch."

Use of Convoy Old Habit With Beavers

Wyoming Explores Past in Planning Fur Farms.

CHEYENNE, WYO.—The convoy system, generally regarded as an innovation of the World war, has been used by Wyoming beavers for centuries.

However, hunters only recently discovered that mamma beaver often gives junior a ride upon her broad, flat tail.

A crude application of the convoy system first was noticed in a holding pen for trapped beavers when members of the Wyoming beaver survey noticed a youngster enjoying a ride about the pool upon the tail of its mother.

Further study revealed that young beavers are convoyed frequently—both in water and on land. The rides are so common, beaver experts say, that the practice is a characteristic habit.

Officials of the Wyoming game and fish department are studying a number of possible reasons for the use of the system by the animals.

Officials also are checking the possibility that the beavers' prowess in swimming is acquired.

The convoy system also may be used to assist the comparatively frail youngsters through water currents that older beavers negotiate with ease.

The interest in the beaver habits is prompted, to a greet extent, by the realization of Wyoming authorities that beaver is the state's most valuable fur resource.

The state game and fish commission is launching a long-range project of producing beaver on state and public lands as a crop.

"Present plans are to have Wyoming virtually a state-wide 'beaver farm' by 1946," said Lester Bagley, state game warden.

Site of Old Fort Osage Is Found in Missouri

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Old Fort Osage where the Santa Fe Trail began its path to the West, has been found after having been "missing" for a century.

Historians knew its location outside Sibley, Mo., a few miles northeast of here, but they believed that all traces of the stockade and few buildings had disappeared shortly after the abandonment in 1826.

However, highway workmen digging in the area have happened upon what are considered certainly the stone foundations of the fort's old log buildings.

The discovery came only a few months after Jackson county had appropriated $10,000 to purchase 16 acres for a Fort Osage historical park. Now the county plans reconstruction of the stockade and buildings on their exact site over the old foundations.

Fort Osage was built by Maj. George Sibley, sent out from Washington in 1804 after the Lewis and Clark expedition recommended the bluff site as a Far Western outpost.

Because of the protection afforded by the fort Sen. Thomas Hart Benton obtained a $20,000 appropriation from congress to build a road from it to Santa Fe. The "road"—a wagon path—became the Santa Fe Trail.

Selectee Calls Half Day In the Army From 6 to 6

HARTFORD, CONN.—The following letter from Connecticut draftees at Camp Blandings, N. J., was received at Hartford selective service headquarters:

"My dear Friends, Hartford, Conn.: Having a swell time here on so-called Florida. Work only a half day. After that we can do anything we please. But I guess that you don't know that a half day in the army is from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. After that, if you're able to you can do anything you want—if you're not on guard. They tell us we are going to have a pretty time in Louisiana. We only wish that we had you all down here to share it with us."

The letter was signed "Local Boys."

Overzealous Informer Cites Police to Police

SALT LAKE CITY.—Salt Lake City police had before them the case of the overzealous informer.

They were called to a local sandwich lunchroom by the informer, who told them "two suspicious looking men are here and they look like they have guns."

Upon arriving at the lunchroom officers found the "suspicious characters" were two members of the police antivice squad eating an off-duty snack.

The informer was taken to the city jail on a charge of "suspicion of being a bit drunk."

Wooden 'Crying Block' Eases Fliers' Woes

ELGIN FIELD, FLA.—The 350th School Squadron, 80th Air Base Group, stationed here temporarily, has a system.

It's a "crying block" where members of the squadron may unburden themselves without boring other soldiers with their tales of woe. It is constructed of rough, unpainted plank.

OUR DEMOCRACY — by Mat

THE STRENGTH OF A COUNTRY IS IN ITS PEOPLE...THEIR WEALTH IS THEIR STORED WORK.

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Marines Get Bayonet Fundamentals

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Platoon Sergeant "Tex" Walters, instructor at the Marine Corps Base Recruit Depot here, teaches new Leathernecks the fundamentals of the bayonet. These men are in their third week of training. After four more weeks they will become full-fledged Marines and will be sent with an active unit to one of the many colorful Marine stations.

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Rocks, Personal Happenings

Rocks, Jan. 14.—School children are back in chool again after enjoying the Christmas holidays for two weeks.

Miss Helen Garrette, of Appomattox spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Garrette.

The Home Makers Club met Wednesday morning with Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse. Due to very cold weather, the attendance was small.

Mrs. Percy Carter took Jeraldine Ranson to Appomattox Monday to see the doctor.

Miss Ethel Garrette was visiting Miss Etta Ranson recently.

In spite of the bad weather, Friday night, a number from Rocks attended the B. T. U. rally at Elon Baptist church.

Claiborne Inge was visiting Donald and Rodney Roach Saturday afternoon. Donald Roach returned home with him and spent Saturday night.

Ted Almond spent Saturday night with Emery and Wiley Ranson.

Mrs. D. R. Ingo was sick with a cold Sunday.

A number of the young people are enjoying skating on the ice pond at J. A. Garrette's.

J. H. Ranson and sons, Wiley and Winston called to see Rhomy Wilson Sunday night.

Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse is not so well.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Richardson and children and Mrs. D. W. Jinkins, of Lynchburg, attended Sunday School at Rocks Sunday.

Robert Roach was on the tobacco market in Farmville one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson and son, William Carroll, moved out on the highway at H. C. Staples' last Saturday.

Mrs. Otis Ranson and Miss Virginia Dare Almond, who have been ic, are better.

J. A. Garrette and A. A. Baldwin sell sell tobacco in Farmville Tuesday.

The quarterly business meeting of he Rocks church will be held at Rocks church Saturday afternoon a. l o'clock. Every one is asked to come ut and attend it.

Appomattox Wayside

Those spending the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ayers were Mr. and Mrs. William Ayers, George Rockwell, and Edward Rider, of Amherst.

Miss Ruth McFadden and Mrs. M. Ayers have returned to their home here after spending several weeks in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. William Ayers has been spending the week with her parents, and friends.

Dinner guests of Mrs. Eddie McFadden Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. William Ayers, Ruth McFadden, Edward Rider and George Rockwell.

Mrs. Olena Woodson, of Amherst, has been visiting relatives in this community.

Misses Margaret Babcock, Margaret Fulp and Alease Covington were guests of Jacqueline Alvis last week.

Mrs. Carlton Wayne spent the week-end with her husband at his home near Pamplin.

The cold wave and rough weather have lowered the attendance at chool for the past week.

The Lee home demonstration club met Wednesday with Mrs. Gus urnes.

A home demonstration leaders raining meeting was held at Mrs. . A. Gilbert's last Thursday There were eight present.

U. S. Navy Recruiting Officer will be in Appomattox at the Times Virginia building next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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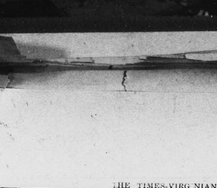

United States Marine Corps sky soldiers keep fit with a strenuous exercise routine. They keep ready for action by constant practice and maneuvers. These Marines are going up for a practice jump.

The DEBUNKER

By John Harvey Furbay, Ph.D.

Before the United States government ever thought of constructing a canal across Panama, it was an old idea. Over 400 years ago, plans were drawn in both Portugal and Spain for such a canal. The first attempt to construct one was made in 1698 with resulting failure; another trial failed in 1779. Many believed it were against divine will as the archbishop of Madrid had warned King Phillipp II that "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." In 1826, a French company launched a gigantic effort to construct the canal, but went bankrupt eight years later. The United States government, meanwhile, had planned a canal across Nicaragua, but abandoned this scheme when Panama revolted from Colombia and became independent in 1903. The Panama canal was completed for passage of the first ship in 1914 at a cost of about $400,000,000.

(Ledger Syndicate—WNU Service.)

Appomattox is a growing town.

Big artillery battle on in Philippine war area.

Tobacco prices continue good.

Russia sending ski troops and cavalry into action against Germans.

Phone 30 with Personals.

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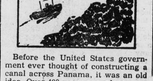
War Needs Money—YOURS!



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Lesson for January 18

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JOHN THE BAPTIST AND JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 3:1-6, 15-17, 21, 22.
GOLDEN TEXT—They are my beloved children, and I am well pleased.—Luke 3:22.

"A reed shaken with the wind?" No. "A man clothed in soft raiment?" No. "A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face. . . . Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist." Such was the testimony of Jesus (Matt. 11:7-11) about the man who in our lesson of today bears his testimony concerning Jesus.

I. John: the Preacher of Repentance (vv. 1-3).

The times in which a man lives will often make or break him. If times are corrupt and officials must men submit to the burden of the day without protest or effort. But not so with John. The period in which he lived is graphically brought before us as we consider the names of civil and religious leaders mentioned in verses 1 and 2. Tiberius Caesar, the emperor, was virtual dictator. "Talented, ambitious, cruel, licentious, infamous, inhuman" (Van Doren). Pilate was the governor of Judea, who later condemned Jesus to the cross. Herod was a seducer and murderer. Annas and Caiaphas shared the infamy into which the priesthood had fallen.

God needed a man with a flaming message of judgment, and He had him ready out in the wilderness, far from decadent Rome and spiritually dead Jerusalem. Upon this man John came the message, a word from God—"Repent"—which stirred the whole countryside. But he had even a greater mission.

II. John—the Forerunner of Jesus (vv. 4-6).

He humbly identifies himself as the voice in the wilderness prophesied by Isaiah. His was the important duty of preparing the way for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

The picture is that of the preparation for the coming of an oriental monarch. When he "was about to make a journey, a servant was sent before him to prepare the highway. Valleys needed to be filled, hills lowered, crooked places made straight, rough ways made smooth. Thus, before men would be ready to receive Christ, moral obstacles must be removed, men must repent of their sins and turn from them" (Erdman).

Isaiah says that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God," something which God has made possible, but which we have not even yet fully carried out. The gospel is universal in its character—for all mankind. This prophetic word will, of course, have its complete fulfillment when the King comes to reign. Then "they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them" (Jer. 31:34).

III. John—the Follower of Jesus (vv. 15-17).

The humility of the man, his recognition of true greatness in Christ, his willingness to efface self, is seen in the words of these verses and in such other passages as John 1:29-30, where he directed his disciples to Jesus, whom they followed, and John 3:26-30, where in response to the effort to make him jealous of Jesus because his (John's) disciples followed Him, John replied, "He must increase, but I must decrease." He was glad to be the friend of the Bridegroom who rejoiced when the bridegroom came (John 3:29). He declared himself unworthy to loose the latchet of Christ's shoe (Luke 3:16).

The Christian virtue of humility is evil spoken of by a world of force and hatred, but it is still precious in the sight of God, and the ornament par excellence of Christian character. "Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble" (I Pet. 5:5).

As he put himself in the background, John put Christ forward as the one whose baptism would not be a material element, water, indicating the inward change of repentance, but would be with Holy Ghost fire, cleansing and transforming life.

However, the Christ who comes as a Saviour to the repentant one, comes also as the flaming fire of judgment upon the impenitent. There is wheat and chaff in the world of men, and the fan of Christ will soon separate the wheat which goes into His eternal garner from the chaff which He will burn with unquenchable fire.

Our God is a God of unfathomable grace, but He is also a God of severest judgment upon those "that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." Read the solemn words of II Thessalonians 1:7-9. It is an awful thing to reject the Saviour, and thus to make Him our Judge.

COLORED DOTS

All members of the Galilee Baptist Sunday School are asked to come out on time this Sunday morning. The program of work for the new year will be presented. The officers and staff of the Sunday School would like to report that three of its members were awarded one year gold attendance pins for attending Sunday School every Sunday during the past year. The following members were the recipients of the pins: Deacons Luther Patterson, Arthur Robinson and R. Q. Lewing.

The Red Cross war drive meeting will be held at the First Baptist church on the fourth Sunday evening in this month at 7:30 P. M. All churches, leagues and schools are asked to be present. Rev. J. A. Carter, pastor of the Promiseland church has been selected as county chairman.

Mrs. Morell Price, county supervisor, would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers, patrons, leagues, churches and unions for their support toward the annual Red Cross roll call.

Mrs. Ruth Hastings is spending some time here as the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. T. W. Hamlet.

Misses Hester Stephens and Mildred Hart spent the week-end as the guests of Mrs. Theda Harris.

Vann Patterson Jr. is spending a few days here with his parents before being inducted into the Army.

R. Q. Lawing attended the Agricultural conference at Rustburg last Saturday.

R. D. Watkins has returned home after two weeks at Virginia State College NYA training project.

All farmers of the county are asked to cooperate in a special drive to repair farm machinery. All farm machinery that needs repairing can be brought to the local farm shop at Carver high school and a special class will be conducted. Each farmer is urged to cooperate. The shop will be opened to suit your convenience.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, of Washington, D. C., spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Warriner, of Evergreen.

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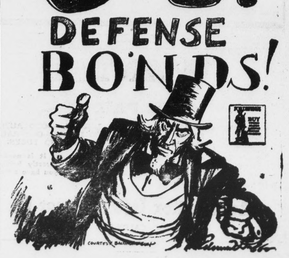
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